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## Captain's Cabin

Bill Santelmann, N1AU

Felt like old times, didn't it. A solar flux of 98 opening 15 meters, with even 10 meters open occasionally, made the CQ WW phone weekend a real treat. I hope you did well, and that you will remember to file your log on YCCC's behalf by the December 1 deadline.

Congratulations to Dick, AK1A, for the excellent service his packet system gave us during the contest. From my perspective at N1AU, at the far eastern end of the net, I saw as many as 17 stations connected simultaneously, from as far away as N2AA and passing spotting data accurately and rapidly. We at N1AU certainly benefited greatly from it. The connection to N2AA and K1KI is still quite shaky and requires many retries, consuming valuable net operating time. We really need a digipeater between AK1A and K1KI to secure this path. Any volunteers?

I see the YCCC developing into an effective contest team, one that will begin to win again (yes, we have won some). It is no longer a collection of isolated contesters who see each other only a few times a year at club meetings. A lot of factors have brought us together and built many firm friendships; the new six-meeting plan at Sturbridge developed by KM1C, the commuting FM ragchews, breakfast meetings, and the new YCCC packet net run by AK1A, which is on the air continuously, have all contributed. During contests, we can communicate with anyone else on the

packet net in a way that does not distract. All in all it's been a good year for the YCCC. Have a great holiday season.

## Next Meeting

Paul Young, K1XM

The next Yankee Clipper Contest Club meeting will be on Sunday, December 7, at the Sheraton Sturbridge, at 1:00 PM. Note that because of the HC8 DXpedition, KQ1F will **NOT** be making the reservation for lunch before the meeting. Bill, N1AU, will do it - contact him to make reservations. Bill will have to call in reservations by noon on Thursday. Contact him by phone (he has an answering machine) or by packet, or interrupt his JA run in the CQ WW. Lunch costs \$8.50, which is deducted from the \$100 cost to the club of the meeting room. The last lunch worked out very well. The food was simple, but of very high quality. The desserts, including carrot cake and cheesecake, were wonderful, worth \$2.00 each in any restaurant, and you can (I did) have more than one!

The Sheraton Sturbridge Resort and Conference Center is located on Route 20 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile West of I-84 (first exit off I-84 when coming South from the Mass. Turnpike). Directions to the Sheraton are easy: Exit I-84 on to Route 20 West. You will pass through two sets of stoplights while noticing several motels on your right. Make a right turn just prior to the Burger King sign. This is

the entrance to the Sheraton, and there is plenty of parking in front of the hotel.

The meeting dates have been set for the rest of 1986/1987 and are as follows:

| DATE             | DAY      | DELI-LUNCH         |
|------------------|----------|--------------------|
| December 7, 1986 | Sunday   | 11:30 AM           |
| February 7, 1987 | Saturday | 11:30 AM           |
| April 5, 1987    | Sunday   | 11:30 AM           |
| June 6, 1987     | Saturday | 11:30 AM           |
| August 2, 1987   | Sunday   | Lakeside Bar-B-Que |
| October 3, 1987  | Saturday | 11:30 AM           |
| December 6, 1987 | Sunday   | 11:30 AM           |

## Floating

Paul Young, K1XM

Things have been real busy here the last few weeks. As you may notice, the **Butt** is early for a change. That's because I had to get it out before I left for HC8. Packing for the trip, making arrangements, wiring money to Quito, and making antennas have not left me enough time for contesting. I hope the CQ WW CW will fix that!

It looks like we will be using the call HC8A. There is a possibility of a third operator, KB2HE, who will be on Galapagos during the contest. Remember to work us once per band, and if you hear us in a European pile-up, don't hesitate to call us (with your beam aimed at Europe of course).

We will also put in some time before and after the contest. I will try to accommodate any club members who need HC8. My SB-200 delivers 600 watts output on 160 meters; if you need it find me on another band and make a sked.

I hope conditions on CW are as good as on phone!

## Secretary's Report Yankee Clipper Contest Club

The October YCCC meeting was held at the Boxboro ARRL New England Division Convention on 18 October 1986 with 98 members and at least 15 guests in attendance.

The club President, Bill, N1AU, called the meeting to order at 1pm, and gave an introduction to the club to the guests and non-members in attendance. This was followed by introductions all the way around the room. Two members had good news to report: Ed, KA2MXO, is now NT2X, and Steven, KA2ZPD (son of K5NA), passed his General Class exam that morning. The introductions were followed by comic relief courtesy of Rick, K2WR, and Doug, K1DG.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted, and the

Secretary's report was waived (since it was published in **Scuttlebutt** 65). Bill, KM1C, has had to resign as Area Manager for the NH/VT area due to work pressures. Any member in New Hampshire or Vermont who can take over as Area Manager should contact Bill, KM1C, or Bill, N1AU.

Contest log sheets, dupe sheets, multiplier sheets, exchange newsletters, contest summary sheets, QSO breakdown sheets, and **Contest Cookbooks** for members and subscribers (only!) were available on the back table. We found out later that some of the **Contest Cookbooks** were picked up by non-members and other visitors. The remaining ones have been mailed out. Any member or paying subscriber whose copy did not appear in the mail should contact Paul, K1XM, or Charlotte, KQ1F, for a replacement copy.

Doug, K1DG, presented a commercial for the "Eimac Express Card". Don't leave home without it!

Dick, AK1A, presented his packet radio cluster system.

Paul, K1XM, gave out the first annual **Scuttlebutt** Editor's Awards to the following members:

|       |      |        |
|-------|------|--------|
| AK1A  | K1GQ | W1WFF  |
| K1AR  | KY1H | KA1X   |
| KM1C  | K1KI | K1XM   |
| W1CWU | AK1L | K2TR   |
| K1EA  | W1PH | NT2X   |
| KC1F  | K1RX | K5NA   |
| KQ1F  | K1VR | WB8BTH |
| W1FJ  | KB1W |        |

Rich, K2WR, presented a commercial for Crazy Freddy's Field Day Sale.

The club welcomed, in several batches, a total of sixteen new members:

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Mac McGrath         | KZ1A       |
| Shawn McCormick     | NC1B       |
| Bruce Blain         | K1BG       |
| Lester Kemble       | KG1D       |
| James R. Henderson  | N1DEA      |
| Lawrence D. Savoy   | KX1F       |
| Robert B. Weinstock | KN1K       |
| Bob McCormick       | KA1KPH     |
| John F. Corini      | KA1MDG     |
| Steve Tolf          | K1ST       |
| Michael McCarthy    | WA1UAR     |
| George Smith        | KA1VC      |
| Robert Halprin      | K1XA       |
| Bob Shaw            | WA2CNF     |
| Rus Healy           | NJ2L       |
| Gerry Hull          | AK4L/VE1RM |

Following this, K2WR and K1DG previewed the CQ WW.

The hour-long business meeting was followed by three hours of technical and general-interest seminars: Bill,

K1GQ, spoke on 80m loop antennas. John, W1RR, spoke about computer modeling of Yagi antennas. Bill, N1CQ, lectured on tower installation safety considerations. Paul, K1XM, showed slides from the 1985 HC8X CQWW SSB multi-multi DXpedition, which took first place in the world for multi-multis. Mark, K1RX, showed slides from the 1985 VP2VCW CQWW SSB multi-multi DXpedition, which closely followed HC8X in second place for the world in multi-multis. Jeff, WB8BTH, showed slides of his 1981 expedition to VP5 for the ARRL DX SSB.

During N1CQ's lecture, Fred, K1VR, and John, W1FV, were speaking in a different lecture room on antennas for 40, 80, and 160m, including slides of several member's stations and arrays.

All these seminars wrapped up at 4pm, and the members adjourned to the bar, the banquet, or the local Chinese restaurant, depending on their hunger and thirst levels.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte L. Richardson, KQ1F  
Secretary/Treasurer  
20 October 1986

## TS-940S Phase Noise Improvements

John Kaufmann, W1FV

The phase noise (or reciprocal mixing noise) performance of the Kenwood TS-940S has come under considerable scrutiny recently. At least partially in response to popular demand, Kenwood has devised a modification, described in their service bulletin 911, which purportedly improves this aspect of '940 performance. Also, more than one year ago, a modification developed by Lowe Electronics in England was reported to produce substantial phase noise reduction ("Trio TS-940S Multimode Transceiver", A. McKenzie, G3OSS, *Amateur Radio*, July, 1985, p. 23. A schematic of this modification was reproduced in the last issue of the *Scuttlebutt* in K1GQ's article "TS-940S Performance - Part 2", but unfortunately there are errors in the component values given there. See the conclusion of this article for corrections.)

I have tried both of these modifications in my TS-940S and in this article I will report the results of detailed laboratory measurements on the radio for both transmit and receive with each of the modifications. This data will reveal which of the two yields better performance. The large improvement which is measured should be of interest to all owners or would-be owners of the TS-940S.

### Measurement Set-Up

I was fortunate to have access to state-of-the-art test

equipment for performing the required measurements. Transmitter measurements were performed by operating key-down CW at rated output (about 100 watts) into a 50Ω dummy load and recording spectral data on a Hewlett-Packard 8566A spectrum analyzer. Receiver data was taken with a HP 8642B signal generator feeding a very clean 14200 kHz signal into the antenna port of the TS-940S and a HP 3456A digital voltmeter measuring receiver audio output. The receiver was set up with the AGC off, CW filters in (IRI 400 Hz filters), CW VBT off, and the audio filter out. My TS-940S was also the same unit measured earlier in stock form by K1GQ and written up in the article "Should I Buy a TS-940S?" in *Scuttlebutt* no. 62, March, 1986, also reprinted by *The DX Bulletin*.

### Receiver Measurements

The signal generator output was adjusted to a level of -43.0 dBm to produce a S9+30 dB signal on 14200 kHz (this is the same input level used in the K1GQ measurements to allow comparison with those earlier results). Receiver reciprocal mixing noise output at audio was measured as a function of frequency offset from 14200 kHz.

Results for the stock radio, the Lowe modification, and the Kenwood bulletin 911 modification are shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3 respectively. (The eagle-eyed reader may notice that Fig. 1 appears coarser and less "detailed" than the other two plots. This is because fewer data points were taken in this earlier measurement but the conclusions to follow are not altered by this fact.) The Fig. 1 measurement is essentially a duplication of the K1GQ data but taken on the laboratory test setup and is found to exhibit good agreement with Bill's previous results.

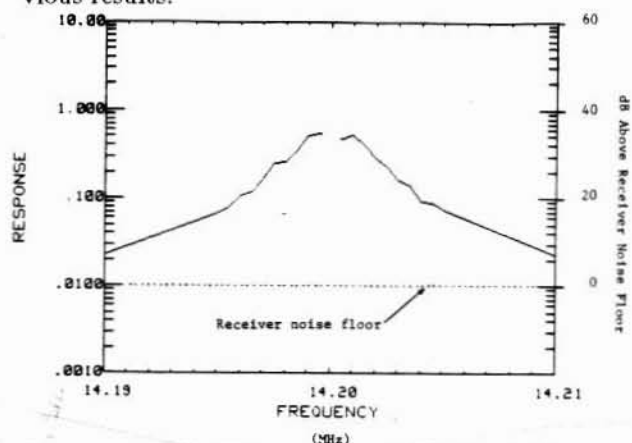


Figure 1: TS-940S receiver noise output for S9+30 dB CW signal input; stock form. (No data taken at center frequency).

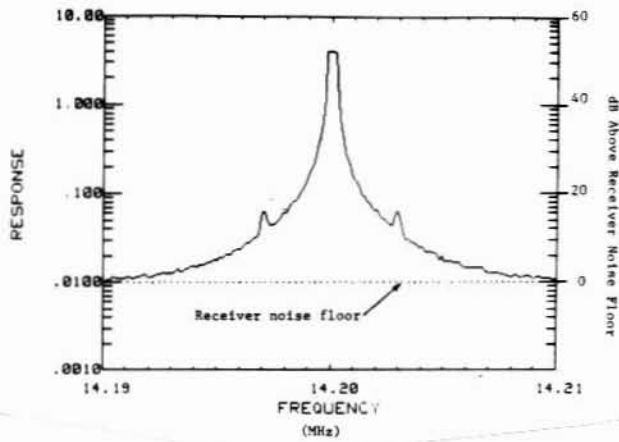


Figure 2: TS-940S receiver noise output for S9+30 dB CW signal input: Lowe modification.

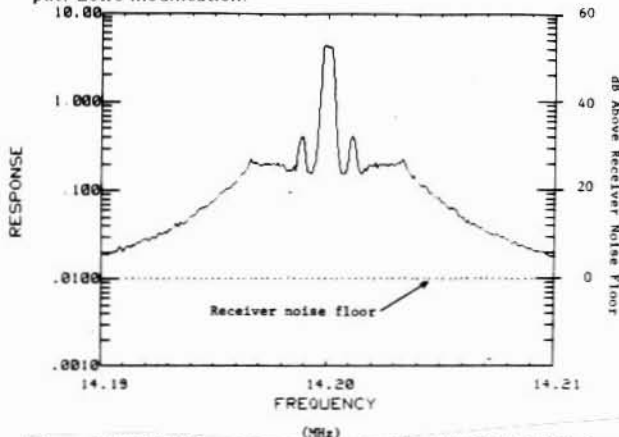


Figure 3: TS-940S receiver noise output for S9+30 dB CW signal input: Kenwood modification.

Fig. 3 indicates two relatively large discrete sidebands approximately 1 kHz each side of center. In on-the-air use, these are quite audible on all strong signals. Two relatively weak "spurs" are also visible in Fig. 2  $\pm 3$  kHz from center. Neither of these responses appears in the stock '940 data. It is not clear whether they are a result of the modifications or whether they were present originally but were masked by higher levels of reciprocal mixing noise in the unmodified radio. The flat-topping of the output at the center frequency in Figs. 2 and 3 is due to receiver saturation which is unavoidable with the AGC off once the signal falls inside the receiver filter passband. It should also be pointed out that the reciprocal mixing noise output which is observed will vary in direct proportion to the strength of the received signal. Increasing (or decreasing) the input signal by 10 dB, for example, will increase (or decrease) the noise by 10 dB.

Table I summarizes the receiver performance for the stock unit, and the Lowe and Kenwood modifications by comparing the noise levels at 1 kHz increments from the center frequency. The Lowe modification comes out on top by a large margin. Reciprocal mixing noise is reduced by 12-13 dB inside  $\pm 5$  kHz, almost exactly the improvement which has been claimed. The main

effect of the Kenwood modification is to introduce a "plateau" in the noise spectrum inside  $\pm 3$  kHz or so. Outside this range it appears to be as noisy as a stock '940.

Table I  
Receiver Noise Output for S9+30 dB CW Signal Input  
(dB Above Receiver Noise Floor)

| frequency offset | stock | Lowe mod. | Kenwood mod. |
|------------------|-------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 kHz            | 34 dB | 23        | 30 (spur)    |
| 2                | 28    | 15        | 26           |
| 3                | 24    | 15 (spur) | 26           |
| 4                | 20    | 7         | 22           |
| 5                | 17    | 4         | 18           |
| 10               | 7     | 0         | 5            |

In on-the-air operation there are no apparent problems with regard to synthesizer lock-up time or tuning glitches as a result of either modification. The modified '940 tunes just like the stock '940.

There have been reports of synthesizer switching problems in modified '940s in the QSK mode, in particular, in split frequency operation across adjacent 10 kHz sectors. It turns out that this problem has been documented as existing in even the stock '940 (see *International Radio Kenwood Newsletter* 66, June, 1986, "Kenwood Solves TS-940S Split Dot Problem") and therefore does not appear to be a modification-related effect.

### Transmitter Measurements

Transmitter phase noise output was measured over two ranges:  $\pm 5$  kHz and  $\pm 100$  kHz from center. The close-in noise is of particular concern from the standpoint of potential adjacent-channel interference when transmitting. Figs. 4, 5, and 6 compare the output of the TS-940S transmitter over the close-in range in stock form, and with the Lowe and Kenwood modifications respectively. (Note that the levels of noise measured depend upon the measurement bandwidth of the spectrum analyzer. Here the noise was measured in a 100 Hz bandwidth. Thus the levels indicated correspond to what one would observe listening to the transmit signal in a receiver with a 100 Hz filter passband. The measured noise will increase with greater bandwidth - by 10 dB, for example, if the measurement bandwidth is 1 kHz. To obtain an approximate conversion of the noise spectrum measured here to the often-used engineering units of dBC/Hz, subtract 20 dB from the levels shown.)



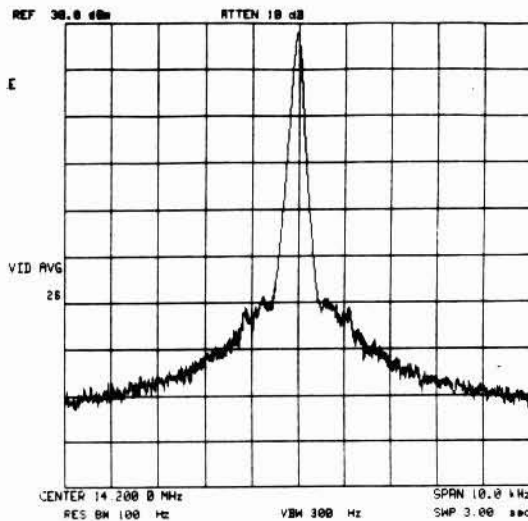


Figure 4: TS-940S transmitter noise output at 14200±5 kHz; stock form. (Horizontal axis = frequency, 1 kHz per division; Vertical axis = output measured in 100 Hz bandwidth, 10 dB per division).

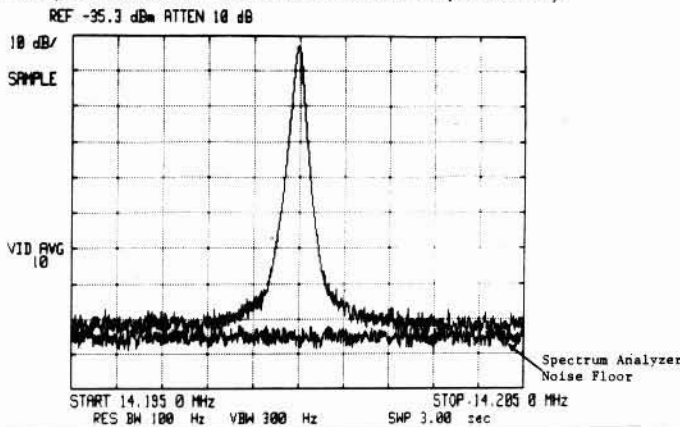


Figure 5: TS-940S transmitter noise output at 14200 kHz ± 5 kHz; Lowe modification. (Horizontal axis = frequency, 1 kHz per division; Vertical axis = output measured in 100 Hz bandwidth, 10 dB per division).

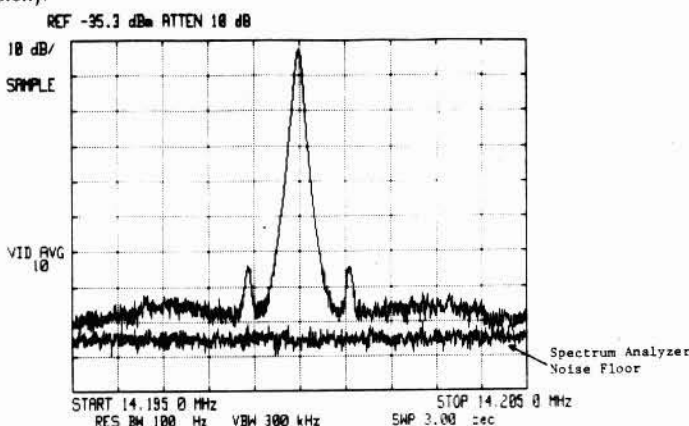


Figure 6: TS-940S transmitter noise output at 14200 kHz ± 5 kHz; Kenwood modification. (Horizontal axis = frequency, 1 kHz per division; Vertical axis = output measured in 100 Hz bandwidth, 10 dB per division).

Both modifications produce a significant noise reduction in close to the carrier. The Kenwood modification (Fig. 6) exhibits two “spurs” in exactly the same place as the receiver did, ± 1 kHz from center. These

same “spurs” appear to be just visible in the stock ’940 plot (Fig. 4), but are almost obscured by higher levels of phase noise. Potentially these undesired responses can be quite offensive to others during transmit and can also result in significant out-of-band emission if one crowds the band edges. In the case of the Lowe-modified TS-940S (Fig. 5), the discrete sidebands observed in the receiver response are absent from the transmitter spectrum.

It is evident that the greatest clean-up of the transmit signal occurs only inside ± 2 kHz or so for both modifications. Out at ± 5 kHz, the modified transmitters perform only about the same as stock, although the measured responses out there are seen to begin encroaching upon the noise floor of the spectrum analyzer.

Fig. 7 shows the transmitter output over ± 100 kHz for the Lowe TS-940S. (Here the measurement bandwidth is 1 kHz. Subtract 30 dB from the indicated noise spectrum to obtain an approximate conversion to dBC/Hz). The plots for the other versions looked almost identical to Fig. 7 and, therefore, are omitted here. Although the transmitted noise decreases with increasing frequency offset, the levels cannot be considered negligible. Locals will probably be bothered by the noise around your S9+50 dB signal on a quiet band.

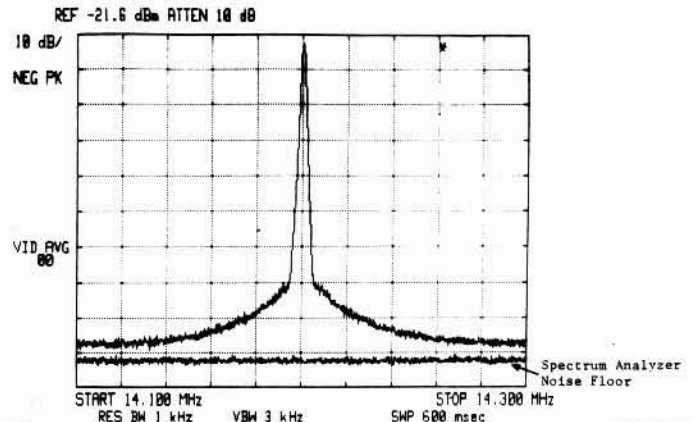


Figure 7: TS-940S transmitter noise output at 14200 kHz ± 100 kHz; Lowe modification. (Horizontal axis = frequency, 200 kHz per division; Vertical axis = output measured in 1 kHz bandwidth, 10 dB per division).

Table II summarizes the transmitter performance of the various units. Once again, the Lowe-modified TS-940S is equal or superior to the others, although the improvements over stock are not as dramatic overall as the receiver improvements.

Table II  
Transmitter Noise Output with Respect to Carrier  
in 100 Hz Bandwidth

| frequency offset | stock  | Low mod. | Kenwood mod. |
|------------------|--------|----------|--------------|
| 1 kHz            | -62 dB | -74      | -72          |
| 2                | -71    | -78      | -74          |
| 3                | -75    | -79      | -73          |
| 4                | -77    | -80      | -74          |
| 5                | -79    | -80      | -78          |

## Discussion and Conclusion

The Lowe modification of the TS-940S is the clear winner for both transmit and receive. The Kenwood modification falls short of yielding improvements "...on the order of 15 dB within the range of  $\pm 20$  kHz..." as claimed in their service bulletin, at least in my '940. I was sufficiently disappointed by the results for the Kenwood modification that I double-checked my modification work but could find no flaws. Nonetheless it still represents an improvement over the stock TS-940S and is definitely a step in the right direction by Kenwood.

A few words on implementing the Lowe modification; as mentioned up front, there are some errors in the schematic provided previously by K1GQ. In the VC1 line from the PLL board, the values for R2 and C2 should be 1000 $\Omega$  and 0.022  $\mu$ F respectively, and in the VC2 line, C2 should be 0.047  $\mu$ F. One must also be careful about component layout in attempting to install the additional circuitry. Any stray pickup of 60 Hz or other noise onto the signal lines involved can severely degrade the synthesizer noise performance as I discovered in my first somewhat haphazard installation of this modification. All component leads should be as short and as direct as possible. I mounted everything on a small PC board just alongside the RF board (X44-1660-00) near the socket where the VC1 and VC2 lines connect via a 4-pin plug.

In actual use, the receiver improvements with the Lowe modification can almost be considered dramatic in some instances. The "hash" produced by strong signals is strikingly reduced, often to the point of being imperceptible. It is now much easier to copy weak signals in close to strong ones, provided the strong signals are themselves spectrally clean. In terms of receiver phase noise performance, the modified TS-940S now probably ranks among the best of the current crop of frequency-synthesized rigs, but still falls short of equaling the better non-synthesized radios such as the older Drake C-Line or Collins S-Line.

The transmitter performance is significantly improved, too, but principally at close-in frequencies only. Based on data published for the TS-930S ("Trio TS-930S and TS-940S HF Transceivers", P. Hart, G3SJK, **Radio Communication**, May, 1986, P. 328, also discussed

by K1GQ in the last issue of the **Scuttlebutt**), the '930 transmitter appears to be substantially cleaner than the modified '940.

I strongly recommend the Lowe modification to all TS-940S owners.

## Acknowledgments

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## TS-940S Circuit Schematic Errors in the Phase-Lock Loop Section

Don Nelsen, NB1Y

There are several errors in the circuit schematic both in the TS-940S Service Manual and in the Service Bulletin No 911 entitled, "TS-940S VCO Carrier to Noise Ratio Improvement." Fortunately, the errors do not affect the implementation of the 911 modification. Furthermore, the errors are in the circuit schematic only and not in the PC board etch pattern.

I report these corrections here because there is now much concern over obtaining a modification to the PLL design that will reduce the reciprocal mixer noise. In attempting to analyze the PLL dynamics, I quickly found that parts of the loop would not work at all as configured in the Service Manual schematic (on p. 96). Upon checking the PC etch diagram for the PLL on page 97 of the Service Manual, the circuit was found to be transcribed incorrectly in several places in the vicinity of the phase-lock loop operational amplifiers (IC18).

Figure 1 shows the relevant part of the schematic as it appears on page 96 of the Service Manual, and in the Service Bulletin 911. The corrected version of the schematic is shown in Fig 2.

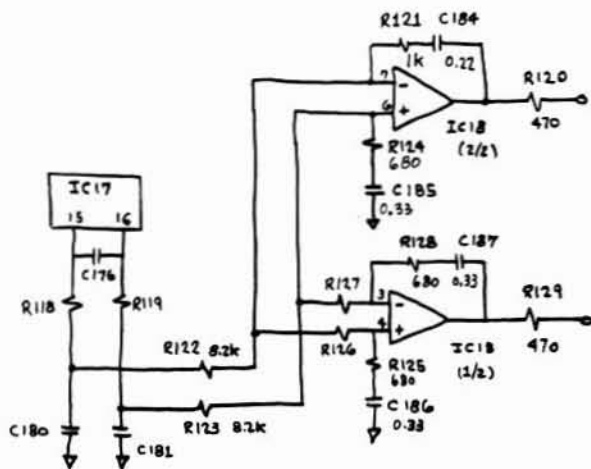


Figure 1. Section of PLL schematic as it appears in the Service Manual and in Bulletin 911.

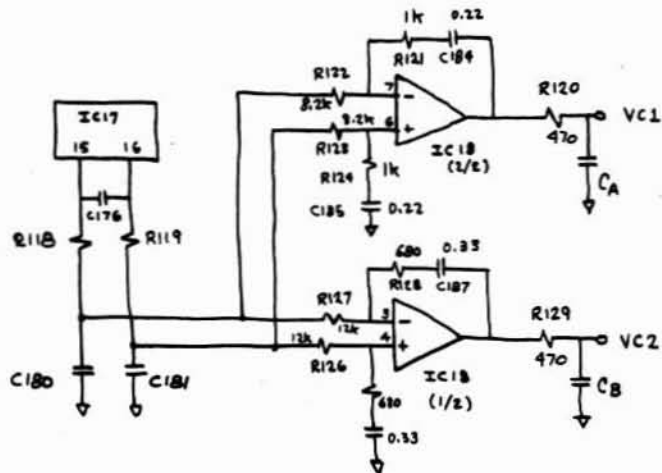


Figure 2. Corrected version of circuit schematic.

The corrections were:

- Resistors R126, R127, R122, and R123 need to be rearranged. Presently the virtual zero voltage across the input of the upper op amp IC18 (2/2) shorts out the signal to the lower op amp (1/2). Also, the polarity of amplification of the lower opamp is reversed.

The Fix: The left end of R126 should be connected to the top of C181 (where C181 intersects R119). The left end of R127 should be connected to the top of C180 (where C180 intersects R118).

Now both the above problems will be corrected and the resistor placement will correspond to that of the PC etch pattern.

- The values of C185 and R124 were transcribed incorrectly. C185 should be the same as C184

(0.22 μF), and R124 should be the same as R121 (1kΩ). These corrected values correspond to those shown in the parts list in the Service Manual, and are what one would expect for a balanced differential design.

The Phase Noise Modification of Bulletin 911: the modification described is (i) to remove C176, C180, and C181; (ii) to change R120 and R121 to 1kΩ from 470Ω, and (iii) to add 0.01 μF capacitors identified as CA and CB in Figure 2.

As can be seen, the implementation of this modification is not affected by the three schematic errors.

I expect these discrepancies would have been obvious to those who have already analyzed the loop dynamics in detail. However, to save others the problem of recorrecting the discrepancies, this note is hereby submitted.

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### PacketCluster - 1986 CQ WW phone Dick Newell, AK1A

This year's CQ WW phone contest saw the world's first efficient use of packet radio for multiplier spotting. This was made possible through the use of the PacketCluster software which was running at AK1A. For those of you who are not on packet yet, the PacketCluster software allows all connected stations to share multiplier spotting information, to talk to other connected stations, and to see previous multiplier announcements on a chronological and band basis.

Packet radio had been used in this year's ARRL DX contest, but stations had to be in monitor mode which meant that they had to sift through large amounts of data on their screen to pick out the multiplier announcements. PacketCluster is a giant leap forward in that stations only see multiplier announcements and other information which is actually meant for that station.

The PacketCluster software also permits several stations to run the software, thereby permitting more stations to be in the cluster. During the CQ WW contest, we had PacketCluster nodes at AK1A and K1GQ; however, RFI made the K1GQ node unreliable, so most of the users were connected to AK1A.

During the contest, we averaged about 16 connected stations. Geographically, the stations ranged from New Jersey (N2AA!) to southern New Hampshire (K1AR, NB1H, et.al.).

Now for the results! The total number of announcements made over the weekend was 839, of which 285 were dupes. This works out to be about one multiplier spotted every 3 minutes! Assuming that a station only worked what was announced on the PacketCluster, the band breakdown would be as follows:

| Band  | QSOs | Cs  | Zs  |
|-------|------|-----|-----|
| 160   | 23   | 20  | 8   |
| 75    | 104  | 67  | 19  |
| 40    | 85   | 68  | 23  |
| 20    | 145  | 93  | 36  |
| 15    | 120  | 84  | 30  |
| 10    | 77   | 51  | 19  |
| TOTAL | 554  | 383 | 135 |

Assuming only 2.5 points per QSO, this works out to be a little over 770K. I think that you can see how important this system can be towards our club's aggregate score.

In an attempt to see what the likely country breakdown would be if we factored in easy countries which weren't announced on PacketCluster (such as YU on 5 bands), the breakdown becomes:

| Band  | Countries |
|-------|-----------|
| 160   | 21        |
| 80    | 72        |
| 40    | 77        |
| 20    | 126       |
| 15    | 109       |
| 10    | 55        |
| TOTAL | 460 !!    |

As a matter of interest, the following "good" multipliers were announced:

| Prefix | Bands        | Prefix | Bands       |
|--------|--------------|--------|-------------|
| A9     | on 20        | TA     | on 15.20.40 |
| AP     | on 20        | VP8    | on 10.15.20 |
| BY     | on 20        | Z2     | on 10.15    |
| CE0    | on 20        | ZS3    | on 10.15.20 |
| OX     | on 15.40.80  | UL7    | on 20.40    |
| SV     | on 15.20.160 | 7Q     | on 15       |

Zones missed on 20m were 2 (nobody announced a VE2), 23, 29, and 37.

Stations inputting spotting information included:

| Call | Announcements | Call  | Announcements |
|------|---------------|-------|---------------|
| N2AA | 147           | W1PH  | 34            |
| K1AR | 114           | W1YK  | 17            |
| K1RQ | 84            | K1TR  | 13            |
| N1AU | 74            | K1XM  | 8             |
| NB1H | 66            | KA1X  | 7             |
| W1RR | 63            | KA1VC | 4             |
| K1KI | 61            | K1GW  | 3             |
| KT1O | 50            | KA1CI | 3             |
| K1ST | 40            | KM1C  | 2             |
| K1GQ | 37            | KM1H  | 1             |

**Score Rumors:**

(Thanks to Randy, K5ZD/1, and the NCJ for providing some of this information.)

**CQ WW SSB:**

| Call               | QSOs | Zs  | Cs  | Score  |
|--------------------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| AK1A               | 1575 | 120 | 340 | 2.0M   |
| N1AFC (3 watts)    | 400  | 55  | 154 | 235125 |
| W1BK (m/s)         | 333  | 75  | 250 | 215800 |
| KM1C (+WB8BTH m/m) | 1112 | 109 | 297 | 1.3M   |
| K1EA               | 1716 | 120 | 355 | 2.3M   |
| W1GG               | 710  | 85  | 225 | 610K   |
| NB1H               | 1960 | 120 | 320 | 2.3M   |
| K1IU               | 800  | 105 | 305 | 1.0M   |
| K1KI               | ?    | ?   | ?   | 25192  |
| W1PH (QRP)         | 537  | 83  | 218 | 453005 |
| K1RQ               | 1805 | 119 | 381 | 2.6M   |
| K1VR               | 1300 | 113 | 305 | 1.5M   |
| K1VSJ (15M)        | 82   | 21  | 48  | 14421  |
| W1WEF              | 935  | 99  | 245 | 909536 |
| K1YR (+K1RU m/s)   | 2102 | 120 | 344 | 2.75M  |
| A13E               | 225  | 53  | 127 | 115200 |
| K3NA               | 1471 | 117 | 324 | 1.8M   |
| N4ZC               | 1980 | 150 | 483 | 3.3M   |
| W5WMMU             | 2150 | 137 | 422 | 3.2M   |
| VP2V/KQ2M          | 3900 | 156 | 285 |        |

W1BK ops: W1BK.WA1UAR. K1TXH

**Single-Op Single Band:**

| Call   | Band | QSOs | Zs | Cs  |
|--------|------|------|----|-----|
| NQ2D   | 3.8  | 245  | 17 | 67  |
| K7SS   | 3.8  | 800  | 31 | 92  |
| NP4A   | 3.8  | 1160 | 29 | 105 |
| K2EK   | 14   | 1660 | 38 | 131 |
| KE7V   | 14   | 1420 | 37 | 122 |
| NB1B   | 21   | 75   | 18 | 42  |
| KA1GQW | 21   | 360  | 22 | 83  |
| N2IC/0 | 21   | 1441 | 33 | 121 |
| W7WA   | 21   | 1484 | 33 | 103 |
| K1UO   | 28   | 300  | 22 | 74  |
| WC4E   | 28   | 350  | 25 | 76  |
| K7QQ   | 28   | 604  | 19 | 48  |

**Score Breakdowns:**

K1AR (m/s):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 17   | 8   | 13  |       |
| 3.8   | 123  | 18  | 72  |       |
| 7     | 130  | 25  | 81  | =4.0M |
| 14    | 1300 | 37  | 125 |       |
| 21    | 526  | 31  | 121 |       |
| 28    | 77   | 19  | 47  |       |
| TOTAL | 2296 | 138 | 459 |       |

K1CC (s/o):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 28   | 8   | 17  |       |
| 3.8   | 111  | 17  | 57  |       |
| 7     | 81   | 20  | 58  | =2.6M |
| 14    | 853  | 36  | 97  |       |
| 21    | 663  | 28  | 97  |       |
| 28    | 91   | 15  | 45  |       |
| TOTAL | 1829 | 124 | 371 |       |

K1DG (s/o):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 25   | 11  | 15  |       |
| 3.8   | 130  | 18  | 58  |       |
| 7     | 101  | 25  | 65  | =2.5M |
| 14    | 874  | 35  | 103 |       |
| 21    | 583  | 28  | 94  |       |
| 28    | 63   | 16  | 36  |       |
| TOTAL | 1776 | 133 | 371 |       |



KY1H:

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |        |
|-------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1.8   | 9    | 5   | 7   |        |
| 3.8   | 81   | 17  | 41  |        |
| 7     | 35   | 14  | 32  | =1.05M |
| 14    | 528  | 32  | 87  |        |
| 21    | 296  | 22  | 72  |        |
| 28    | 34   | 14  | 29  |        |
| TOTAL | 1033 | 104 | 268 |        |

W1RR:

| band: | Qs  | Zs | Cs  |
|-------|-----|----|-----|
| 1.8   | 17  | 4  | 8   |
| 3.8   | 41  | 8  | 27  |
| 7     | 69  | 14 | 43  |
| 14    | 197 | 30 | 76  |
| 21    | 116 | 23 | 66  |
| 28    | 49  | 12 | 24  |
| TOTAL | 489 | 91 | 244 |

K1ZM (s/o):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 49   | 12  | 19  |       |
| 3.8   | 162  | 18  | 59  |       |
| 7     | 131  | 24  | 64  | =2.7M |
| 14    | 1062 | 37  | 110 |       |
| 21    | 364  | 27  | 92  |       |
| 28    | 91   | 19  | 42  |       |
| TOTAL | 1859 | 137 | 386 |       |

N2AA (m/m):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |        |
|-------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1.8   | 202  | 16  | 60  |        |
| 3.8   | 578  | 22  | 90  |        |
| 7     | 380  | 27  | 92  | =10.9M |
| 14    | 1943 | 39  | 145 |        |
| 21    | 1620 | 32  | 134 |        |
| 28    | 312  | 24  | 79  |        |
| TOTAL | 5035 | 160 | 602 |        |

K2TR (s/o):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 33   | 10  | 19  |       |
| 3.8   | 56   | 11  | 33  |       |
| 7     | 92   | 21  | 54  | =3.1M |
| 14    | 873  | 33  | 117 |       |
| 21    | 1164 | 31  | 111 |       |
| 28    | 61   | 15  | 30  |       |
| TOTAL | 2270 | 121 | 364 |       |

W3LPL (m/m):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |        |
|-------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1.8   | 132  | 13  | 45  |        |
| 3.8   | 397  | 22  | 79  |        |
| 7     | 220  | 27  | 85  | = 7.8M |
| 14    | 1245 | 36  | 127 |        |
| 21    | 1510 | 36  | 124 |        |
| 28    | 620  | 23  | 90  |        |
| TOTAL | 4124 | 157 | 550 |        |

KT3M (s/o):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 30   | 8   | 13  |       |
| 3.8   | 102  | 15  | 53  |       |
| 7     | 76   | 19  | 42  | =2.9M |
| 14    | 1066 | 36  | 110 |       |
| 21    | 753  | 27  | 90  |       |
| 28    | 83   | 19  | 49  |       |
| TOTAL | 2110 | 124 | 357 |       |

K3TUP (m/s):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 34   | 10  | 18  |       |
| 3.8   | 185  | 18  | 65  |       |
| 7     | 110  | 23  | 75  | =5.8M |
| 14    | 1420 | 40  | 130 |       |
| 21    | 1550 | 32  | 125 |       |
| 28    | 55   | 21  | 53  |       |
| TOTAL | 3354 | 144 | 466 |       |

WX4G (s/o):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 29   | 9   | 18  |       |
| 3.8   | 124  | 20  | 60  |       |
| 7     | 112  | 19  | 57  | =2.5M |
| 14    | 463  | 32  | 86  |       |
| 21    | 818  | 32  | 108 |       |
| 28    | 195  | 21  | 56  |       |
| TOTAL | 1738 | 132 | 384 |       |

K4ISV (s/o):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 30   | 8   | 17  |       |
| 3.8   | 57   | 13  | 33  |       |
| 7     | 87   | 22  | 51  | =2.6M |
| 14    | 673  | 36  | 102 |       |
| 21    | 829  | 33  | 107 |       |
| 28    | 205  | 21  | 56  |       |
| TOTAL | 1881 | 133 | 366 |       |

K4VX/0 (m/s):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 25   | 13  | 23  |       |
| 3.8   | 109  | 20  | 62  |       |
| 7     | 248  | 28  | 94  | =3.7M |
| 14    | 804  | 37  | 126 |       |
| 21    | 862  | 33  | 118 |       |
| 28    | 70   | 23  | 56  |       |
| TOTAL | 2118 | 154 | 479 |       |

N5AU (m/m):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |        |
|-------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1.8   | 109  | 15  | 41  |        |
| 3.8   | 350  | 23  | 81  |        |
| 7     | 431  | 28  | 90  | =11.3M |
| 14    | 1470 | 38  | 140 |        |
| 21    | 2424 | 35  | 129 |        |
| 28    | 610  | 29  | 81  |        |
| TOTAL | 5394 | 168 | 582 |        |

K5ZD/1 (s/o):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 42   | 10  | 22  |       |
| 3.8   | 130  | 16  | 60  |       |
| 7     | 109  | 20  | 59  | =2.7M |
| 14    | 814  | 34  | 110 |       |
| 21    | 694  | 30  | 97  |       |
| 28    | 76   | 19  | 41  |       |
| TOTAL | 1865 | 129 | 389 |       |

AD8P (m/m):

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 127  | 15  | 37  |       |
| 3.8   | 270  | 29  | 65  |       |
| 7     | 214  | 26  | 76  | =6.5M |
| 14    | 1400 | 39  | 129 |       |
| 21    | 1140 | 34  | 123 |       |
| 28    | 365  | 25  | 73  |       |
| TOTAL | 3516 | 168 | 501 |       |

**KS9K (m/s):**

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |       |
|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1.8   | 25   | 11  | 21  |       |
| 3.8   | 88   | 15  | 59  |       |
| 7     | 194  | 27  | 78  | =3.0M |
| 14    | 1020 | 39  | 116 |       |
| 21    | 520  | 36  | 119 |       |
| 28    | 70   | 21  | 54  |       |
| TOTAL | 1917 | 149 | 447 |       |

**KP4BZ (m/s):**

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |        |
|-------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1.8   | 113  | 8   | 26  |        |
| 3.8   | 327  | 19  | 63  |        |
| 7     | 1358 | 30  | 102 | =10.0M |
| 14    | 1894 | 34  | 112 |        |
| 21    | 2932 | 32  | 111 |        |
| 28    | 626  | 26  | 61  |        |
| TOTAL | 7251 | 149 | 475 |        |

**VP2EC (m/s):**

| band: | Qs   | Zs  | Cs  |      |
|-------|------|-----|-----|------|
| 1.8   | 196  | 13  | 36  |      |
| 3.8   | 802  | 25  | 99  |      |
| 7     | 1008 | 29  | 109 | =12M |
| 14    | 968  | 37  | 130 |      |
| 21    | 2731 | 34  | 122 |      |
| 28    | 962  | 25  | 52  |      |
| TOTAL | 6667 | 163 | 548 |      |

**ARRL SS CW:**

| Call           | QSOs | SECs | Score  |
|----------------|------|------|--------|
| K1DG           | 137  | ?    |        |
| KY1H (AK4L op) | 833  | 74   |        |
| K1IU           | 848  | ?    |        |
| K1KI (3 hr)    | 226  | 58   | 39324  |
| K1VSJ (A)      | 307  | 67   | 41138  |
| KB1W           | 836  | 73   |        |
| W1WEF          | 956  | 74   |        |
| K1XA           | 919  | 73   | 134174 |
| K1XM (A)       | 463  | 71   | 65746  |
| K1ZZ           | 965  | 73   |        |
| W2GD           | 903  | ?    |        |
| N2IC           | 1107 | 74   |        |
| N2NT           | 1145 | 74   |        |
| KY2P (A)       | 1063 | 74   |        |
| W2RO           | 1017 | 74   |        |
| WA2TBA         | 896  | 72   |        |
| K3LR           | 1105 | 74   |        |
| K3SA           | 691  | 74   |        |
| WC4E (A)       | 725  | 73   |        |
| K4VX           | 965  | 74   |        |
| N5AU           | 1124 | 74   |        |
| K5GO           | 1131 | 74   |        |
| K5MM           | 1074 | ?    |        |
| K5MR           | 1000 | 74   |        |
| K5RX           | 1104 | ?    |        |
| N6TR           | 1102 | 74   |        |
| K8CC           | 1032 | 74   |        |
| WB8IXE         | 904  | 74   |        |
| W8LT           | 926  | 74   |        |
| K9KM           | 936  | 74   |        |
| K9ZO           | 890  | 74   |        |
| K0RF           | 1048 | 74   |        |
| VE1ASJ         | 412  | 74   |        |
| NP4A (K5ZD op) | 1325 | 74   |        |

**ARRL SS SSB:**

| Call              | QSOs | SECs | Score |
|-------------------|------|------|-------|
| AK1A              | 230  | ?    |       |
| K1AR              | 635  | 74   |       |
| N1AU              | 980  | 73   |       |
| WB1EYL (m/s)      | 787  | 72   |       |
| KC1F              | 3    | 3    |       |
| WB1GQR            | 1262 | 73   |       |
| K1IU              | 763  | 74   |       |
| K1KI              | 297  | 67   |       |
| K1RQ (WA1ZAM op)  | 1161 | 74   |       |
| K1VSJ             | 535  | 72   |       |
| K1VUT             | 1140 | 74   |       |
| W1WEF             | 1380 | 74   |       |
| W1YK              | 579  | 74   |       |
| N2IC/0            | 1773 | 74   |       |
| KQ2M              | 231  | 60   |       |
| AH2U (A)          | 721  | 74   |       |
| W3LPL (WD4AXM op) | 1617 | 74   |       |
| WA3PWL/0          | 1550 | 74   |       |
| K3SA (A)          | 185  | 60   |       |
| KM3T              | 60   | 30   |       |
| N4KG (KC4ZV op)   | 1400 | 74   |       |
| WS4Q              | 1839 | ?    |       |
| K4VX              | 1628 | 74   |       |
| N4ZC (N5TR op)    | 1419 | 74   |       |
| N4ZZ              | 1499 | 74   |       |
| N5AU (WB5VZL op)  | 1628 | 74   |       |
| KC5CV             | 518  | 74   |       |
| KE5CV (A)         | 1400 | 74   |       |
| N5DX (K5GO op)(A) | 1372 | 74   |       |
| W5EHM (m/s)       | 898  | 72   |       |
| K5FUV (A)         | 1026 | 71   |       |
| KM5H              | 172  | 65   |       |
| K5LZO (m/s)       | 1929 | 74   |       |
| K5RR (N5RZ op)    | 1556 | 74   |       |
| K5RVK (m/s)       | 1332 | 74   |       |
| K5RX              | 1544 | 74   |       |
| KG5U              | 1247 | 74   |       |
| K5ZD/1            | 1050 | 74   |       |
| N6BT (WA6VEF op)  | 1596 | 74   |       |
| N6BV              | 1803 | 74   |       |
| WC6H              | 1863 | 74   |       |
| NE6I              | 209  | ?    |       |
| AI6V              | 1600 | 74   |       |
| KC7V              | 971  | 74   |       |
| W7WA              | 1656 | 74   |       |
| KA8HFO            | 972  | 70   |       |
| WB8JBM (m/s)      | 1682 | 74   |       |
| W8LNO (m/s)       | 1223 | 74   |       |
| W8LT (WD8IXE op)  | 1230 | 74   |       |
| KQ8M (A)          | 748  | 73   |       |
| W8SH (m/s)        | 1230 | 74   |       |
| WB9HAD            | 1436 | 74   |       |
| WB9JKI (A)        | 593  | 74   |       |
| W9OBF (A)         | 770  | 70   |       |
| K9ZO              | 1190 | 74   |       |
| W0AIH (m/s)       | 1258 | 74   |       |
| W0CEM (m/s)       | 1548 | 74   |       |
| K0DD              | 1702 | 74   |       |
| W0EJ              | 1883 | 74   |       |
| W0IKN (A)         | 925  | 74   |       |
| KM0L (A)          | 680  | 74   |       |
| W0PSY             | 1072 | 74   |       |
| K0UK (m/s)        | 1632 | 74   |       |

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